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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE OFFICERS OF
THE TOWN OF

STRATFORD

For the Year Ending January 31

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TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator	
RALPH M. HUTCHINS	1944
Town Clerk	
EDWARD B. FULLER	1944
Treasurer	
CLAUD JOHNSON	1944
Selectmen	
HAROLD RAMSAY	1944
B. C. NUGENT	1945
BERT STINSON	1946
Tax Collector	
HAZEN KENNEDY	1944
Health Officer	
MILES STANDISH	1944
Library Trustees	
ETHEL JOHNSON	1944
LENA RICH	1945
M. L. NUGENT	1946
Supervisors of Check List	
GEORGE BROCHU	1944
LESLIE BARNETT	1944
JOHN TAYLOR	1944
Town Road Commissioner	
ELMER EAGAN	1944
Trustee of Trust Funds	
PAULINE HUNT	1944
DELIA HAPGOOD	1945
DOROTHY HAPGOOD	1946

Cemetery Trustees

LESLIE E. BARNETT	1944
HUGH JOHNSON	1945
FREDERICK HAPGOOD	1946

Public Health Nurse

DELIA B. HAPGOOD	1944

Memorial Day Committee

REV. J. A. VACHON	1944

Municipal Court

WILLARD A. RUCH

Auditor

STATE TAX COMMISSION

TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratford, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall, in the village of North Stratford, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 1944 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To elect a clerk for the ensuing year.

2. To elect two auditors for the ensuing year, or to see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the division of municipal accounting, and to make appropriation to cover the expense of such an audit.

3. To elect a treasurer for the ensuing year.

4. To elect one selectman for three years, and all other town officers.

5. To see if the town will continue the services of the public nurse and raise money for same.

6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for highways, bridges, and town maintenance.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise $800.00 for snowplow.

8. To see what sum of monies the town will vote to raise for libraries, Memorial Day, skating rinks, sewers, street lighting, retirement of bonds, long term notes, interest, insurance and personal bonds, and other monies for the town.

9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to pledge the credit of the town to raise

funds in anticipation of taxes, when necessary for the payment of obligations.

10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the town through tax collector's deeds, or any other property owned by the town.

11. To see if the town will vote to allow discount on any part of the taxes paid before a certain date.

12. To see if the town will vate to raise $25.00 as a contribution for the White Mountains Region Association, for the purpose of advertising the town.

13. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the selectmen to instruct the Governor of the State of New Hampshire to send a request to the Congress of the United States, a plea that they pass an adequate bill for soldier voting that will enable every person in the armed forces to vote for Federal officers at the next Federal election.

14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to deed back to L. P. Brown a certain piece or parcel of land lying and situated in said town of Stratford, which the said L. P. Brown conveyed by deed dated September 2, 1938 to the town of Stratford free-gratis the right to install, maintain, repair, and relay a pipe line over lands of the said L. P. Brown.

15. To hear reports of agents, officers and committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relative thereto.

Given under our hand and seal at Stratford, this 19th day of February, A. D. 1944.

HAROLD RAMSAY,
BERT STINSON,
BERNARD NUGENT
Selectmen Town of Stratford.

BUDGET FOR 1944

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year February 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944, compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year February 1, 1943 to January 31, 1944.

Sources of Revenue

	Actual 1943	Est. 1944
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	$ 26.28	$ 26.28
Railroad Tax	1497.75	1497.75
Savings Bank Tax	243.08	243.08
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings		500.00
Income from Municipally owned Utilities: Water Departments	2263.04	2200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	671.80	600.00
Health Department	813.75	500.00
Town Road Aid	5.41	
Dog Tax	97.06	
Town Poor	245.00	
Town Histories	18.75	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes in anticipation of Taxes	25000.00	

From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	630.00	400.00
Total Revenues from all Sources except Property Taxes	$31511.92	$ 3789.11
Amt. to me raised by Prop. Taxes		52360.85
Total Revenues		**$56,149.96**

Purposes of Expenditures

	Actual 1943	Est. 1944
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	$1144.25	$1300.00
Town Officers' Expenses	308.94	500.00
Election and Registration Expenses		100.00
Municipal Court Expenses	118.00	125.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	1160.94	1400.00
General Expenses**	1406.83	1500.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	992.15	300.00
Fire Department	249.82	300.00
Health:		
Health Dept., including hospitals	2047.14	1700.00
Vital Statistics	16.80	50.00
Sewer Maintenance	207.50	300.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance	1556.86	1500.00
Street Lighting	1020.00	1020.00
Town Road Aid	79.96	79.96
Libraries:		
Libraries	300.00	400.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	1629.86	2000.00
Old Age Assistance	352.50	400.00

Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day	32.70	100.00
Aid to Soldiers and their families	179.15	200.00
Recreation:		
Parks and Playgrounds	268.80	300.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Municipally owned Water and Electric Utilities	171.07	500.00
Cemeteries	25.00	25.00
Interest:		
On Temporary Loans	669.89	200.00
On Bonded Debt	2500.00	2300.00
On Long Term Notes	563.75	550.00
Indebtedness:		
Payment on Principal of Debt:		
Bonds	4000.00	4000.00
Long Term Notes	5000.00*	1000.00
(*W. Note $3000, K. of P. $2000)		
Deficit of Previous Year	20000.00	10000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
County Taxes	6688.02	7000.00
Payments to School Districts	17800.00	17000.00
Total Expenditures	**$70489.93**	**$56149.96**

**General Expenses:	
Printing Town Reports	$ 147.31
White Mountains Region	25.00
Auditing	140.15
Refund tax	5.00
Insurance	748.04
Legal Expense	152.47
Forest Fire	5.00
Dog Tax	97.06
Bounties	86.80
	$1406.83

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

INVENTORY OF TOWN

Inventory of Property of the Town of Stratford as made by Selectmen, April 1, 1943:

Lands and Buildings	$607,261.00
Electric Utilities	56,930.00
Mills and Machinery	104,450.00
Stock In Trade	32,451.00
Horses	15,950.00
Cows	43,371.00
Other Neat Stock	1,940.00
Sheep	40.00
Hogs	125.00
Fowls	817.00
Wood and Lumber	91,587.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	2,235.00
Vehicles—Tractors	900.00
	$958,057.00

Tax Rate per $100	$3.95
Property Taxes	$37,831.03
National Bank Stock Taxes	
Poll Taxes (Number of Polls, 200)	$400.00

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures - Town of Stratford, N. H.
Fiscal Year 1943 - January 31, 1944.

	Taxes Assessed 1943	Cash and Other Credits	Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft	Balance to 1944
Town Officers' Salaries	1200.00		$ 1200.00	$ 1144.25	$ 55.75		
Town Officers' Expenses	200.00		200.00	308.94		108.94	
Municipal Court	100.00		100.00	118.00		18.00	
Town Hall and Buildings	1200.00		1200.00	1160.94	39.06		
Police Department	2200.00		2200.00	992.15	1207.85		
Fire Department	1000.00		1000.00	249.82	750.18		
Health Department:							
Salaries District Nurse	1500.00	813.75	2313.75	2047.14	466.61		
Expense District Nurse	200.00		200.00				
Vital Statistics	50.00		50.00	16.80	33.20		
Town Maintenance & T. R. A.	2500.00		2500.00	1636.82	863.18		
Street Lighting	1020.00		1020.00	1020.00			
Sewer Maintenance	300.00		300.00	207.50	92.50		
Libraries	400.00		400.00	300.00	100.00		

Parks and Playgrounds	300.00		300.00	268.80	31.20	
Town Poor	2000.00	245.00	2245.00	1629.86	615.14	
Old Age Assistance and Aid to Soldiers	600.00		600.00	531.65	68.35	
Memorial Day	100.00		100.00	32.70	67.30	
Cemeteries	40.00		40.00	25.00	15.00	
Water Department	500.00		500.00	171.07	328.93	
Indebtedness:						
Bonds, Long Term Notes	9000.00		9000.00	9000.00		
Interest on Indebtedness	4500.00		4500.00	3733.64	766.36	
County Tax	6688.02		6688.02	6688.02		
School Appropriation*	17000.00		24511.55	17800.00		6711.55
Dog Licenses*		97.06	300.86	97.06		203.80
Temporary Loans	5000.00	25000.00	30000.00	20000.00	10000.00	
Unclassified:						
Advtg., White Mt. Region Asso.	25.00		25.00	25.00		
Bounties				86.80		
Insurance				748.04		

Printing Town Reports				147.31			
Refund, 1942 Tax	2200.00			5.00	915.23		
State Auditors				140.15			
Forest Fires				5.00			
Legal Expense				152.47			
	$57623.02	$26155.81	$91494.18	$70489.93	$16415.84	$126.94	$6915.35

***Balance to 1943:**	
School Appropriation	$7511.55
Dog Licenses	203.80
Total	$7715.35

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall and buildings	$ 12,000.00
Town hall, furniture and equipment	2,000.00
Libraries, lands and buildings	2,500.00
Libraries, furniture and equipment	2,000.00
Police Department, lands and buildings	2,000.00
Police Department, equipment and vault	1,000.00
Fire Dept., including lands and buildings	2,500.00
Fire Department, equipment	2,500.00
Highway Department, lands and buildings	500.00
Highway Department, equipment	1,000.00
Highway Dept., materials and supplies	100.00
Parks, commons and playgrounds	2,000.00
Water supply, if owned by the town	115,000.00
Schools, lands and buildings	84,800.00
School Equipment	11,000.00
Town house and equipment at Center	2,000.00
Town histories	1,800.00
Total	**$244,700.00**

TOWN OF STRATFORD		BALANCE
Assets		
Cash:		
In Hand of Treasurer		$ 6,643.93
In Hands of Water Collector		35.08
In Hands of Municipal Court		6.05
In Hands of Town Clerk		9.52
In Hands of Town Hall Agent		38.00
Other Bills due Town:		
Tax Collector Hapgood		176.64
Water Rents		2,998.37
Town Hall Rent		500.00
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1942		1,371.74
Levy of 1941		728.26
Previous Years		1,294.84
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1943		3,363.41
Total Assets		**$17,165.84**
Net Debt		65,749.51
Grand Total		**$82,915.35**
Net Debt—Surplus Jan. 31, 1943	$68,975.07	
Net Debt—Surplus Jan. 31, 1944	65,749.51	
	$ 3,225.56	

SHEET JANUARY 31, 1944

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due to School District: Dog Licenses	$ 203.80
Due to School Districts: Balance of Appropriation	6,711.55
Temporary Loans	10,000.00
Long Term Notes:	
Water Notes—Issue 1938	19,000.00
Bonds Outstanding:	
Water Bonds—Issue 1920	24,000.00
Water Bonds—Issue 1921	23,000.00
Total Liabilities	**$82,915.35**

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cash on Hand Feb. 1, 1943	$ 195.12
Collections	2,103.00
Total	$2,298.12
Amount turned to Treasurer	$2,263.04
Cash on hand	$ 35.08
Jan. 31, 1944 Unpaid Accounts	$2,998.37
	$3,033.45

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Number of Marriages in Town		6
Number of Births in Town		10
Number of Deaths in Town		7
Number of Automobiles Registered		237
Amount of money collected		$681.32
Paid to Treasurer		$671.80
Cash on Hand for Automobiles		$9.52
Paid to Treasurer		
1942 Dog Licenses		$97.06
Dog Licenses 1943, 5 at $2.00	$10.00	
Less Fees Retained, 5 at 20c	1.00	
		$ 9.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Feb. 1, 1943 to Feb. 1, 1944

FEBRUARY, 1943

Receipts

Feb.

1	H. W. Ramsay, Sale of Town Histories	$9.75

Expenditures $3,042.31

MARCH

Receipts

Mar.

19	Frank A. Smith, Col. Water Rent	$ 144.24
29	Edward B. Fuller, 1942 Dog Tax	18.86
	Edward B. Fuller, 1943 Auto Tax	164.57
15	County of Coos, Stratford Relief Acct.	215.00
30	Lincoln R. Young, Note by Selectmen	25,000.00
	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1942 Levy	866.02
	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1942 Poll Tax	118.00
	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1941 Poll Tax	10.00
26	Edward B. Fuller, 1943 Auto Tax	210.65
		$26,747.34

Expenditures $15,855.87

APRIL

Receipts

Apr.

10	Edward B. Fuller, 1942 Dog Tax	$ 78.20
	Edward B. Fuller, 1943 Auto Tax	117.47
16	Frank A. Smith, Water Rents	404.35

28	Delia B. Hapgood, Nursing Assn. Feb. and Mar.	22.50
		$622.52

Expenditures $2,650.71

MAY

Receipts

May

21	Frank A. Smith, Col., Water Rent	$ 101.57
24	Hazen Kennedy, 1937 Levy	17.00
	Hazen Kennedy, 1938 Levy	25.98
	Hazen Kennedy, 1940 Levy (Int. 6.71)	38.41
	Hazen Kennedy, 1940 Poll Tax	2.00
	Hazen Kennedy, 1941 Poll Tax	8.00
	Hazen Kennedy, 1941 Levy (Int. 7.82)	96.58
	Hazen Kennedy, 1942 Levy (Int. 24.42)	1,132.39
	Hazen Kennedy, 1942 Poll Tax	98.00
	Hazen Kennedy, 1943 Poll Tax	38.00
		$1,557.93

Expenditures $3,101.73

JUNE

Receipts

June

7	Edward B. Fuller, 1943 Auto Tax	$ 92.00
21	Stratford School District, District Nurse 1942-1943	500.00
		$592.70

Expenditures $2,770.37

JULY

Receipts

July

17	Frank A. Smith, Water Rent	$406.15

Expenditures $583.71

AUGUST

Receipts

Aug.		
10	Delia B. Hapgood, Nursing Assn., Apr., May, June, July	$ 62.50
30	Frank A. Smith, Col., Water Rent	244.86
		$307.36

Expenditures $743.04

SEPTEMBER

Receipts (none)

Expenditures $2,941.08

OCTOBER

Receipts

Oct.		
28	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1943 Levy	$422.34
	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1943 Poll Tax	266.00
	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1940 Tax Sales (M. Dennis)	100.00
	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1941 Poll Tax	2.00
	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1942 Poll Tax	14.00
		$804.34

Expenditures $4,098.34

NOVEMBER

Receipts

Nov.		
1	Frank A. Smith, Col., Water Rents	$ 196.00
29	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1943 Levy	15,616.08
	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1943 Poll Tax	114.00
30	Edward B. Fuller, 1943 Auto Tax	86.41
	Frank A. Smith, Col., Water Rents	410.93
		$16,423.42

Expenditures $3,230.85

DECEMBER

Receipts

Dec.		
14	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1943 Levy	$12,909.86
	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1943 Poll Tax	28.00
	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1938 Levy (Lena Rich)	76.46
21	Treasurer State of N. H. Savings Bank Tax	243.08
	Treasurer State of N. H. Railroad Tax	1,497.75
	Treasurer State of N. H. Interest and Dividend Tax	26.28
		$14,781.43

Expenditures $26,146.69

JANUARY, 1944

Receipts

Jan.		
15	Frank A. Smith, Col., Water Rent	$ 212.25
25	Mrs. H. W. Ramsay, Sale of Town Histories	9.00
	State of N. H., Town Road Aid	5.41
	Gerard Brochu, On Account	30.00
	Frank A. Smith, Col., Water Rent	142.69
	Delia B. Hapgood, Nursing Assn.	228.75
31	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1943 Levy	5,741.79
	Hazen Kennedy, Col., 1943 Poll Tax	222.00
	Interest	10.09
	Kimball Estate:	
	1942 Levy	3.60
	1939 Levy	830.07
	1940 Levy	773.16
	1941 Levy	596.77
		$8,805.58

Expenditures $5,325.23

Balance on Hand Feb. 1, 1943	$ 6,075.34
Total Receipts	71,058.52
	$77,133.76
Total Disbursements	70,489.93
Balance on Hand Feb. 1, 1944	$ 6,643.93

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

For Year Ending Jan. 31, 1944

Nursing care visits	407
Obstetrical visits	13
Baby visits	69
Welfare visits	287
School	192
Clinics	3
	970

Clinics: 3 Crippled Children's Clinics attended, one at Littleton, two at Manchester.

Fees Collected	$313.75
Fees paid to treasurer	$313.75

Respectfully submitted,

DELIA B. HAPGOOD,

Public Health Nurse.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Hazen Kennedy — January 31, 1944

1937 Levy		
Unpaid Property Tax		$ 3.50
Abated		3.50
1939 Levy		
Unpaid Property Taxes		41.00
Abated		41.00
1940 Levy		
Unpaid Property Tax		$69.02
Abated		69.02
Unpaid Poll Tax		24.00
Abated		24.00
1941 Levy		
Unpaid Poll Jan. 31, 1943		$30.00
Added		12.00
Paid Treasurer		20.00
Abated		22.00
		$42.00
1942 Levy		
Jan. 31, 1942 Unpaid Taxes	$3,018.51	
Added Since	65.56	
Interest Collected	36.78	
Cash in Hands of Collector	533.40	
		$ 3,654.25

Remitted to Treasurer	$2,232.01	
Abatements	62.00	
Sold to Town	1,276.24	
Unpaid Poll Taxes	84.00	
		$ 3,654.25

1943 Levy

Property Taxes		$37,816.12
Poll Taxes		852.00
Added Polls		28.00
Additional Propertw Tax		25.36
Interest		10.09
		$38,731.57

Remitted to Treas., Property	$34,690.07	
Remitted to Treas., Polls	668.00	
Remitted to Treas., Interest	10.09	
Unpaid Taxes	3,363.41	
		$38,731.57

Taxes Sold to Town

Unredeemed Jan. 31, 1943		$4,554.62
Sold to Town 1942 Levy	$1,371.74	
Costs and Interest	14.53	
		1,386.27
		$5,940.89

Remitted to Treasurer	$2,554.43	
Unredeemed Jan. 31, 1944	3,386.46	
		$5,940.89

REPORT ON TOWN HALL

Rental Due		$538.00
K. of P. Lodge	$500.00	
Hands of Collector	38.00	
		$538.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED 1943

Town officers' salaries	$ 1,200.00
Town officers' expenses	200.00
Municipal Court	100.00
Expenses Town Hall and other town buildings	1,200.00
Police Department	2,200.00
Fire Department	1,000.00
Health Department	1,700.00
Vital Statistics	50.00
Sewer maintenance	300.00
Town maintenance, highways and bridges	2,500.00
Street lighting	1,020.00
General expenses, including insurance	2,200.00
Libraries	400.00
Town poor	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance and Aid to soldiers' families	600.00
Memorial Day, and other celebrations	100.00
Parks and playgrounds	300.00
Municipally owned water utilities	500.00
Cemeteries	40.00
Interest on bonded indebtedness and notes	4,500.00
Payments on bonds and notes	5,000.00
County tax	6,688.02
School appropriation	17,000.00
White Mountain Regional Association	25.00
	$50,823.02

Less Estimated Revenues and Credits

Cash	$6,075.34	
Interest and dividend tax	26.28	
Railroad tax	1,497.75	
Motor vehicle permit fees	671.80	
Rental Town Hall	250.00	
Health Department	500.00	
Municipally owned utilities	2,263.00	
		11,284.17
		$39,538.85

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Receipts

Feb. 1, 1943, Cash on Hand	$314.70
July 6, 1943, Appropriation for 1942	300.00
Rent from Stratford Library Building	24.00
Fines from North Stratford Library	35.00
Total	$673.70

Expenditures

1943		
Books	$ 69.49	
Magazine Subscriptions	6.60	
Rent for No. Stratford Library	110.00	
Librarian for No. Stratford	154.00	
Miscellaneous	56.89	
Total		$396.98
Feb. 1, 1944, Cash on Hand		$276.72

In these days of various restriction, the libraries are being called on for increased service. At North Stratford this year, 3082 books have been taken out by about 150 persons.

Several books have been added to the library to meet the needs of high school students for their required reading.

ETHEL P. JOHNSON,

Treas. of Library Trustees.

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL COURT

January 1 to December 31, 1943

Receipts

Carried forward from 12-31-42		$ 6.25
Received fines		150.00
Received costs		56.80
		$213.05
Paid to officers	$ 35.00	
Paid to witnesses	5.24	
Paid to County (who forwarded to Motor Vehicle)	111.66	
Paid to Fish and Game Dept.	55.10	
		207.00
Balance on hand 12-31-43		$ 6.05

WILLARD RUCH,
Justice.

HOME FOOD PRODUCTION

Patriotism, prudence, and protection of health combine to urge that in 1944 every family produce and preserve for home consumption as much of the family's yearly food supply as possible. Home food production will assure our own food supply, will release more foods for the armed forces and lend-lease, will help meet the national goals, and will relieve transportation, labor and equipment shortages.

To help families with their plans for food production and preservation at home, the University of New Hampshire Extension Service lists the following free bulletins for your use:

	Ext. Circ.
Hotbeds and Cold Frames	214
The Home Vegetable Garden	170
Vegetable Storage	140
Tomatoes for Good Health	220
Control of Insects and Disease in the Home Garden	253
Strawberry Culture	211
Red Raspberry Culture	103
Blackberries for New Hampshire	104
Grape Growing in New Hampshire	173
Improved Blueberries	215
The Home Poultry Flock	250
Appetizing Pickles and Relishes	130
Canning of Fruits and Vegetables	137
Canning of Meats	175
	Ext. Bull.
Home Canning Guide	57

List the titles of the bulletins which you would like on a penny post card and mail it to: Extension Service, Room 211, Thompson Hall, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire.

Division of
MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

January 3, 1944.

Board of Selectmen
Stratford, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the vote taken at the annual town meeting March 1943, we have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Stratford for the period beginning March 13, 1941 and ended November 9, 1943 and submit herewith our report.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

The accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Trustees and Water Rent Collector were examined for the above period.

FINANCES

From information on file in this Division, we have prepared Schedules A and B which present a comprehensive picture of the trend of the financial condition of the town during the last ten years.

(1) In 1939 Net Debt totaled $94,949.32. On January 31, 1943 it had been reduced by $26,326.64, to $68,622.68.

(2) Long Term Notes and Bonds totaled $95.-000.00 in January 31, 1934. At January 31, 1943 they had been reduced to $74,000.00.

(3) Assessed valuation of taxable property was highest in January 1934.

(4) The average local tax rate decreased from $4.40 in 1938 to $3.60 in 1942, while the average rate for the State as a whole decreased from $3.48 in 1938 to $3.23 in 1942. The 1943 local tax rate was $3.95, compared to the average State rate of $3.03.

Appropriations and Expenditures—
Estimated and Actual Revenues:

(Schedules C & D)

As shown by the above statements, net unexpended balances of appropriations amounted to $7,085.90, while the actual revenue was less than the estimated revenue by $572.01, indicating a net budget Surplus of $6,513.89. However, $5,000.00, representing the unused appropriation for payment of a temporary loan, is included in the net unexpended balances of appropriations.

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

(Schedules E. F. & G)

All vouchers issued by the Selectmen for the period February 1, 1942 to November 9, 1943 were examined together with supporting invoices. We noted that in many cases payments have been made on statements only, rather than itemized bills. We suggest the use of regular road aget's payroll forms and that signatures of employees be obtained at the time of payment of the payroll. Any miscellaneous bills included on payrolls should be attached thereto.

Expenditures should be more carefully classified and the "Miscellaneous" column used only when it appears impossible to classify items in any other way.

Abatements should be certified to the Tax Collector by written order from the Selectmen.

The Treasurer's account was examined from March 13, 1941 to November 6, 1943, summary of

which is shown in Schedule G. All cancelled checks issued upon order of the Selectmen, were compared with the vouchers and the Treasurer's Cash book and found to be in agreement. Receipts for the period were checked by source insofar as possible. Both receipts and payments were verified. The Treasurer's cash balance as of November 6, 1943 (Schedule G-3) was $1,153.95. This balance was verified by a statement from the Farmer's and Traders National Bank and by undeposited funds.

TAX COLLECTORS

(Schedules H, I, J, K & L)

Tax Collector Brown:

Amounts due on account of Collector Brown in the sum of $539.50, as per our audit of March 25, 1941, were fully paid in April 1941, as disclosed by the cash receipts and application was made on warrant of 1940 and Tax Sale accounts of 1937, 1938, and 1939.

Tax Collector Crandall: (Schedule H)

We submit summary of Tax Accounts of Collector Crandall, as of October 31, 1941, the date of termination of his services as Collector. The account indicates a small deficit difference of $20.89 covering the levies and tax sales from 1933 to 1941.

Tax Collector Kennedy: (Schedules I, I-1, J, K, and L)

We submit summary of Tax Accounts of Collector Kennedy as of November 9, 1943. The accounts indicate excess credits amounting to $8.60, covering the levies of 1938, 1940, 1941 and 1942.

TOWN CLERK

(Schedules M, N, & O)

The accounts of the Town Clerk were examined for the period March 13, 1941 to November 9, 1943, as

set forth in Schedules M, N, and O of this report.

It is suggested that more care be exercised in the preparation of the Town Clerk's report which is included in the printed town report as it is evident that the figures are not in agreement. It is further suggested that all cash on hand at the end of the fiscal year be deposited with the Treasurer.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

(Schedule R)

The accounts of the Library Trustees were examined for the period of audit and found to be in good order as set forth in Schedule R.

THE STRATFORD WATER COMPANY

Schedule Q

Water Rent accounts of the Water Company were examined from February 1, 1942 to November 11, 1943 and reconciled with the unremitted cash on hand, November 11, 1943.

On the above date there were outstanding uncollected water rent in the sum of $3,223.05. Included in this amount are a number of delinquent accounts that should be collected as early as possible to avoid future charges to uncollectible accounts.

Analysis of Water Company accounts indicates that the water rent income on the present rate base is approximately one-third of the requirements necessary to carry the operation and debt service charges.

GENERAL COMMENTS

During the course of our examination, suggestions in regard to accounting procedure were made directly to the officers of the Town. These suggestions may be summarized as follows:

(1) It is recommended that all town officers' books be closed on January 31st, and that cash be remitted to Town Treasurer as of that date.

(2) It is recommended that the Tax Collector use the new form of cash book suggested by this Division.

(3) To avoid confusion in arriving at the tax rate to be assessed each year "Cash on hand" at the close of the previous year should not be treated as estimated revenue unless a surplus of cash exisits over and above the amounts owed by the town, outstanding temporary loans and appropriations carried forward on which taxes have already been collected such as the appropriation for Schools.

(4) At the time of the tax sale it is recommended that the Selectmen issue an order to the Tax Collector for the amount of taxes bought by the town. It is suggested that the Tax Collector be given two checks. One is for the taxes and interest which he turns back to the Town Treasurer to balance the warrant account. The other is for the Collector's costs and fees incident to the sale to which he is entitled by law.

(5) Warrant book entries should be completed at all times. Abatements and adjustments made should be entered in the warrant book, otherwise all open items are treated as uncollected taxes.

(6) It is also recommended that written orders for abatements and errors be issued and signed by the Selectmen. A copy of the complete list at the end of year should be recorded in or attached to the blotter book.

Conclusion:

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Stratford for the time and cooperation given during the course of our audit.

Yours very truly,

Harold G. Fowler,
Director.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL
ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION.

Lawton B. Chandler,
Frank W. Morrill,
Auditors.

Harry G. Hager,
Ralph S. Seavey,
Accountants.

SCHEDULE F - TOWN OF STRATFORD

Statement of Bonded Debt and Long Term Notes Showing Annual Maturities of Principal and Interest as of January 31, 1944.

	Water Bonds 5 per cent Issue of 1920	Water Bonds 5 per cent Issue of 1921	Water Notes 2 3-4 per cent Issue of 1938	Town Hall Notes 5 per cent Issue of 1930
Original Amt. of Issue	$70,000.00	$45,000.00	$23,000.00	$12,000.00
Date of Issue	May 1, 1920	May 1, 1921	October 15, 1938	April 1, 1930
Maturity Date	November 1st	May 1st.	October 15th.	October 1st.
Interest Payable Date	May 1st. & Nov. 1st.	May 1st. & Nov. 1st.	Apr. 1st. & Oct. 1st.	October 1st.
Payable At	Lancaster Nat'l Bank	Lancaster Nat'l Bank	Lancaster Nat'l Bank	Town Treas., K. of P.

Annual Maturities Fiscal Year	Annual Maturity	Annual Interest	Annual Maturity	Annual Interest	Annual Maturity	Annual Interest
1944	$2,000.00	$1,200.00	$ 2,000.00	$1,100.00	$ 1,000.00	$522.50
1945	2,000.00	1,100.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	495.00
1946	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	1,000.00	467.50
1947	2,000.00	900.00	2,000.00	800.00	1,000.00	440.00
1948	2,000.00	800.00	2,000.00	700.00	1,000.00	412.50
1949	2,000.00	700.00	2,000.00	600.00	1,000.00	385.00
1950	2,000.00	600.00	2,000.00	500.00	1,000.00	357.50
1951	2,000.00	500.00	2,000.00	400.00	1,000.00	330.00
1952	2,000.00	400.00	2,000.00	300.00	1,000.00	302.50
1953	2,000.00	300.00	2,000.00	200.00	1,000.00	275.00
1954	2,000.00	200.00	3,000.00	75.00	1,000.00	247.50
1955	2,000.00	100.00			1,000.00	220.00
1956					1,000.00	192.50
1957					3,000.00	165.00
1958					3,000.00	82.50
Total Outstanding January 31, 1943	**$24,000.00**		$23,000.00		$19,000.00	

REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL DISTRICT

OF THE

TOWN OF STRATFORD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Stratford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in the village of North Stratford, in said district, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 1944, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a member of the School Board for ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Other Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To see if the district will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.

8. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Given under our hand at said Stratford this tenth day of February, 1944.

LESLIE E. BARNETT,
FLORA H. STEVENS,
WALTER L. NILES,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

LESLIE E. BARNETT,
FLORA H. STEVENS,
WALTER L. NILES,
School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Organization

	Term Expires
Chairman, Leslie E. Barnett	1944
Secretary, Flora H. Stevens	1946
Member, Walter L. Niles	1945
Treasurer, Edith M. Lowe	
Clerk, Edward B. Fuller	
Truant Officer, Delia B. Hapgood	
Auditor, Edward M. Fuller	
Moderator, Ralph Hutchins	
Supt. of School, Alonzo J. Knowlton	

Board meetings are called by the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1943

Summary

Cash on hand June 30, 1942		$ 361.38
Reecived from selectmen,		
appropriations	$17000.00	
Dog tax	97.06	
Received from State Treasurer,		
State Aid	3022.42	
Federal Aid	230.98	
Received from all other sources	3872.61	
		$24223.07
Total amount available for fiscal year		$24584.45
Less school board orders paid		24276.07
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1943		$ 308.38

EDITH M. LOWE,
District Treasurer.

June 30, 1943.

BALANCE SHEET

Assets, June 30, 1943

Cash on hand, Balance June 30, 1943	$308.38
Accounts due the District:	
From town	0
Elementary tuition	27.00
Total Assets	$335.38

Liabilites, June 30, 1943

Accounts owed by the district:	
Amount reserved for special purposes:	
High School Account	308.38
Total Liabilities	$308.38
Excess of assets over liabilities	27.00
Total Assets	$335.38

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and financial records of the school board of Stratford and the records of the school district treasurer of Stratford, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDWARD M. FULLER,
Auditor.

July 7, 1943.

BUDGET FOR 1944-1945

School Board's estimate of the amount required to support public schools and to meet other statutory obligations for the year beginning July 1, 1944.

Detailed Statement of Proposed Expenditures

	High School	Elem. Schools
Support of Schools:		
Teachers' salaries	$8825.00	$7500.00
Text books	200.00	200.00
Scholars' supplies	300.00	300.00
Flags and appurtenances		10.00
Other expenses of instruction	25.00	
Janitor service	275.00	675.00
Fuel	500.00	650.00
Water, lights, janitor supplies	150.00	150.00
Minor repairs and expenses	50.00	150.00
Health supervision	20.00	480.00
Transportation of pupils	835.00	2500.00
Other special activities	100.00	25.00
	$11280.00	$12640.00
High School plus Elem. Schools equals		$23920.00

Other Statutory Requireemnts:		
Total amount required to meet school board's budget		$25146.55
Salaries of district officers	$210.00	
Truant officer and school census	15.00	
Supt's. excess salary	411.55	
Per capita tax	490.00	
Other obligations	100.00	
		$ 1226.55
Estimated Income of the District Other Than Taxation:		
Balance June 30, 1944 (Estimate)	$ 545.55	
State Aid (Estimate)	3600.00	
Dog tax	75.00	

High school tuition (Estimate-	1575.00	
Elementary school tuition	351.00	
Other estimated income	0	
Total estimated income		$ 6146.55
Assessment required to balance school board's budget		**$19000.00**

LESLIE E .BARNETT,
FLORA H. STEVENS,
WALTER L. NILES,
School Board.

Stratford, N. H.
Feb. 2, 1944.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the Members of the Stratford School Board:

I hereby submit, for your consideration, my tenth annual report of the Stratford schools.

At the close of the school in June, we lost six teachers; viz., Alida J. Zeeman, mathematics and science; Phyllis Banner McFarlane, grades seven and eight; Helen Martin, grade six; Leona B. Fysh, grades two and three; Linnie L. Watson, grades one and two; and Helen Brown, Hollow Primary. The vacancies were finally filled as follows: Hollis F. Sawyer, science and mathematics; Mrs. Mary L. Nugent, grades seven and eight; Beverly Moffett, grades six and seven; Stella Ingerson, grades two and three; Mrs. Edith B. McGuire, grades one and two; and Mrs. Ethel R. Wheeler, Hollow grammar. Nathalie S. Fuller was transferred to Hollow primary. During the fall term, Marion E. Stevens asked to be released from her contract that she might accept a railroad office position in her own town. We were very sorry

to lose Miss Stevens who has been a very efficient commercial teacher for nearly sixteen years in our high school. We sincerely hope that Miss Stevens enjoys her new position. We are sure that the company has an efficient helper. As yet, I have not been able to find a regularly qualified teacher to fill the commercial vacancy. The work is being carried on in a satisfactory manner by a substitute whom we were able to find, Mrs. Helen C. MacNeil. Before we found Mrs. MacNeil, we secured the services for a few days of Ann Farnsworth but, on account of her other work, she was unable to continue.

The work in the manual arts department has been entirely dropped until it will be possible to find a teacher who can handle the work of that department.

Supplies have been purchased as in former years in order to get the best prices.

The work in music, both instrumental and vocal, is carried on as in the past. The results speak of the efficiency of the work.

The medical inspection and the check ups are carried on by the efficient school nurse, Delia B. Hapgood. The annual health examination found twenty-six with defective vision—seven have been corrected; there were one hundred-fifteen with defective teeth—twenty-two corrected; twenty-four had diseased tonsils—nine corrected. One vaccination clinic was held in which fourteen were treated.

The school census taken in September found 109 boys and 100 girls or a total of 209 children in town between the ages of 5 and 16. This is 11 less than a year ago. The total registration this year, on September 30th, was 250 but 36 of this number were over 16 years. Thirty of the children registered, between five and 16, are from out of town. The number of

resident children accounted for in school, between the ages of five and 16, is 184.

The home economics department is furnishing only warm cocoa for those children who bring their lunches. The reason for the limit is on account of the rationing.

The following pupils had a perfect attendance record for the year: Daisy Bergeron, Norma Johnson, Marcel LaPointe, Elaine Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Milton Paradis, Sally Tayor, Leona Tetreault, Joyce Willey, Florence McLeod, Raymond Dube, Norma Robie, Glen Allin, Lila Allin, Donald Nichols and Gloria Stinson.

A few facts taken from last year's registers may be of passing interest: as, the unrepeated registration was 279; schools were actually in session 36 weeks; the per cent of attendance was 93.85; 22 children had perfect attendance; there were recorded 147 tardy marks; there were 17 non-resident pupils in the elementary schools and 34 in the high school; 65 elementary and 24 high school pupils were transported at expense of the district at a cost of $3424; 5 school board meetings were held during the year; 12 visits made to the schools by school board members; 161 visits made by citizens; and the superintendent was credited with 518 teacher visits.

The graduating class of 1943 included the following: Evelyn M. Arsenault, Clara A. Blodgett, James W. Blodgett, Garneta P. Boucher, Phyllis Farnsworth, Roger L. Fuller, Dennis A. Hovey, Julia I. Jordan, Mionnette D. LaPointe, Elaine Marshall, Wilson B. McMann, Marion E. Nugent, Jacqueline A. Paquette, Milton Paradis, George L. Robertson, Jr., Beulah F. Robie, Inola C. Roby, John E. Russell, Jr., Christine L. Sheltry, Pauline J. Smith, Sally P. A.

Taylor, James G. Wakefield, and Ruth L. Willey.

The physical fitness program began last spring is continued this year as well as the other plays and games of the schools.

The task of securing efficient teachers has been considerably harder this year than in the past. Let us hope some change will come soon so as to relieve the tension.

I consider our schools well manned and good work is being accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

ALONZO J. KNOWLTON,

Superintendent.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Date	From whom	Source	Amount
1942			
July 7	Maidstone, Vt.	Elementary tuition	$ 24.00
11	Bloomfield, Vt.	High school tuition	862.49
18	State Treasurer	Home Economics	230.98
Aug. 8	Town of Brunswick	High school tuition	241.50
Sept. 26	Selectmen	Taxation	2000.00
Oct. 15	Moore-Cottrell	Refund	22.95
24	Mrs. Doris Ramsay	Elementary tuition	14.00
29	Selectmen	Taxation	2000.00
Nov. 10	Selectmen	Taxation	2000.00
Dec. 16	Selectmen	Taxation	2000.00
1943			
Jan. 5	Selectmen	Taxation	200.00
9	Town of Brunswick	High school tuition	227.17
22	State Treasurer	Equalization fund	3022.42
Feb. 2	Columbia School District	High school tuition	25.00
12	Bloomfield Town	High school Tuition	858.34

Mar. 1	Selectmen	Taxation	2000.00
27	Selectmen	Taxation	2000.00
Apr. 28	Selectmen	Taxation	2000.00
May 3	Brunswick Town	H. S. Tuition	216.41
25	Selectmen	Taxation	2000.00
29	Mrs. Doris Ramsay	Elementary tuition	13.00
June 7	Selectmen	Taxation	800.00
16	Maidstone	Tuition (1942-1943)	515.75
19	Selectmen	Dog tax 1942	97.06
30	Bloomfield, Vt.	High school tuition	825.00
30	Stella Wheeler	Elementary tuition	27.00
	Total receipts during year		$24276.07

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1943

Receipts

State and Federal Aid:		
Equalization fund	$3022.42	
Federal Aid, Home Economics	230.98	
		$ 3253.40
Income from Local Taxation:		
For the support of elementary schools	$8895.70	
For the support of high school	6863.08	
For salaries of district officers	210.00	
For payment of per capita tax	476.00	
Superintendent's excess salary	411.50	
Other obligations	143.72	
		$17000.00
From Sources Other Than Taxation:		
Dog licenses	$ 97.06	
Elementary tuition	337.50	
High school tuition	3512.16	

Other receipts	22.95	
		$ 3969.67
Total receipts from all sources		$24223.07
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1942		361.38
Grand Total		**24584.45**

PAYMENTS

	General Expense	Support of High School	Support of Elem. School	Total Amt.
Administration:				
Salaries of District Officers	$210.00			$ 210.00
Supt.s. excess salary	411.55			411.55
Truant officer and school census	15.00			15.00
Expense of Administration	117.82			117.82
Instruction:				
Teachers salaries		$7421.42	$7187.21	14608.63
Text books		280.52	120.02	400.55
Scholars' supplies		503.96	346.25	850.21
Other expenses of Instruction		29.60		29.60
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:				
Janitor service		275.00	562.80	837.80
Fuel		599.94	830.45	1430.79
Water, lights, janitors' supplies		164.93	173.36	339.29
Minor repairs and expenses		119.83	198.18	318.01

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:				
Medical Inspection		150.00	360.00	510.00
Transportation of pupils		848.00	2576.00	3424.00
Other special activities		159.31		159.31
Fixed Charges:				
Per capita tax	476.00			476.00
Insurance	105.67			105.67
Outlay for Construction and Equipment:				
New equipment		2.84		2.84
Total payments for all purposes	$1368.88	$10552.51	$12354.68	$24276.07
Total cash on hand at end of year				308.38
Grand Total				**$24584.45**

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, N. H., ON JANUARY 31, 1944.

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation		How Invested	Amt. of Principal	Rate of Int.	Bal. of Inc. at Begin. of Year	Income During Year	Exp'd During Year	Bal. of Inc. at End of Year
1897	N. D. Piper	Cemetery Trust Fund	Siwoog'k G. S. Bank, Lancaster	300.00	2%	108.60	8.12	8.12	108.60
1907	Laura Johnson								
1918	Isaac Johnson Estate		" "	100.00	"	17.33	2.33	2.33	17.33
1928	Isaac Croion Estate		" "	100.00	"	2.01	2.03	2.03	2.01
1934	Eliza Connary Estate		" "	100.00	"	4.07	2.07	2.07	4.07
1935	Clara Waters Estate		" "	100.00	"	1.00	2.01	2.01	1.00
1935	Alice Wheeler, 3 lots		" "	300.00	"	3.00	6.03	6.03	3.00
1935	Florence French, 2 lots		" "	200.00	"	2.00	4.02	4.02	2.00
1936	Rev. L. W. Prescott		Plymouth G. S. Bank, Plymouth	100.00	2 1-2%	2.05	2.58	2.58	2.05
1937	Michael & John O. Dowd		Siwoog'k G. S. Bank, Lancaster	100.00	2%	1.00	2.01	2.01	1.00
1939	Christopher Day		" "	100.00	"	7.03	2.07	8.10	1.00
1941	G. P. Ockington & J. G. Stone		2 shares Siwoog. Bk. Stock, 2 lots	200.00	"		4.00	4.00	

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 31, 1944

DELIA B. HAPGOOD
DOROTHY HAPGOOD } Trustees.
PAULINE HUNT

TABLES OF VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1943.

Date and Place of Marriage	*Name and Surname of Groom and Bride*	*Residence at Time of Marriage*	*Age and Occupation of Groom and Bride*	*Place of Birth of Each*	*Name of Father*	*No. of Marriage*	*Name, Residence and Station of Person by Whom Married*
Sept 25	Ronald F. Adams	Pittsfield, Me.	22 Truck Driver	Plaster Rock, N. B.	John Adams	1	RevJAVachon
No. Stratford	Marion E. Virtue	Stratford	23 Office Clerk	Stratford	Fred Virtue	1	Stratford
Mar 17	Clarence R. Blodgett	Stratford	20 Mill hand	Northumberland	Arthur Blodgett	1	RevCEDunn
Claremont	Elizabeth F. Curtis	Groveton	18 Mill hand	Northumberland	Albert Curtis	1	Claremont
April 17	Stewart A. Blodgett	Stratford	U. S. Army	Columbia	Newell Blodgett	1	RevRCSharp
Groveton	Marion E. Gardner	Stratford	26 Stenographer	Whitefield	Guy Gardner	1	Northumberland
Mar 6	Lyndon R. Barnett	No. Stratford	22 Med. Student	No. Stratford	Leslie Barnett	1	RevECBroome
Belmont, Mass.	Julia V. Donaldson	Pittsburgh, Pa.	22 Lab. Technician	New Bedford, Mass.	John Donaldson	1	Belmont, Mass.
Aug 9	Edward E. Connary	Stratford	25 Farmer	Stratford	Ervin Connary	1	RevAJBrunelle
No. Stratford	Lena M. Carrier	Stratford	26 Hair Dresser	Bloomfield, Vt.	Evangelist Carrier	1	N. Stratford
Mar 27	William F. Egan	Stratford	19 Farmer	Stratford	Elmer Egan	1	RevHACooper
Dummer	Edith M. Bacon	Dummer	18 At Home	W. Dummer	Edgar Bacon	1	Milan
July 2	Harry F. Lang	Columbia	34 Farmer	Columbia	Fred Lang	1	RevWHCrouch
No. Stratford	Harriette C Hapgood	No. Stratford	23 Nurse	No. Stratford	Harold Hapgood	1	Lancaster
Aug 5	Gilbert A. Marshall	Lancaster	23 Mec. Engineer	Lancaster	Frank Marshall	1	RevJRRees
No. Stratford	Marjorie Boucher	No. Stratford	24 Housekeeper	S. Columbia	Harry Boucher	1	Berlin
June 7	Earl C. Nugent	No. Stratford	24 U. S. Army	Bloomfield, Vt.	W. F. Nugent	1	RevWBReady
Island Pond, Vt.	Dorothy C. Reynolds	Brighton, Vt.	Factory Worker	Brighton, Vt.	George Reynolds	1	Island Pond, Vt.
July 17	Robert L. Porter	Lancaster	18 Farming	Lancaster	Ralph Porter	1	RevFJAndrews
Lancaster	Helen M. Leighton	No. Stratford	16 At Home	Lunenburg, Vt.	Sidney Leighton	1	Lancaster
Sept 25	Donald Robertson	Colebrook	22 Soldier	Lemington, Vt.	Claude Robertson	1	COStevensJP.
Colebrook	Roberta Nugent	Stratford	20 Defense Plant	Stratford	Winfred Nugent	1	Colebrook
Oct 30	Stanley L. Nelson	Hopkinton	26 Farmer	Concord	Edward Nelson	1	RevLReynolds
E. Jaffrey	Evelyn C. Annis	No. Stratford	28 Stenographer	No. Stratford	Lyman Annis	1	Jaffrey

Births Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1943.

Date of Birth and Name of Child if any	*Sex — L or S No. of Child*	*Name of Father*	*Maiden Name of Mother*	*Occupation of Father*	*Birthplace of Father*	*Birthplace of Mother*
July 29 Robert Henry	M L 3	Henry J. Belanger	Anna B. Belanger	Laborer		Berlin
July 20 Rosalie Lorraine	F L 2	Harold Daniels	Noella St. James	Laborer	Patula, Pa.	Canada
Sept 17 Arthur Wilfred Jr.	M L 1	Arthur Dowling	Vivian Cogley	Mechanic	Boston, Mass.	Nashua
Nov 3 Roselyn Mae	F L 5	Lawrence Dingman	Marguerite Covey	Laborer	Canada	Whitefield
Dec 6 Linda Irene	F L 5	Holman Dowse	Phyllis Reed	Truck Driver	N. Stratford	Lemington, Vt.
Jan 24 Betty Jane	F L 1	Cressy Fluery	Edith Stinson	U. S. Army	Stratford	E. Stratford
Sept 14 Gail Flynn	F L 2	Donald Harriman	Ina Flynn	Headmaster	Ashland	N. Brunswick, Can.
Mar 18 Bryan Gilbert	M L 5	Real Lacasse	Clara Bryan	Garage Prop.	Jackman, Me.	Colebrook
Nov 10 David Newell	M L 3	Harold McMann	Bertina Blodgett	Mechanic	Stratford	Stratford
Aug 18 Douglas Keach	M L 3	Desmond Nugent	Mary Clark	Merchant	N. Stratford	Meredith
Jan 5 Edouard Albert	M L 7	Gerard Poulin	Aura Bedard	Farmer	Canada	Canada
Mar 24 Ronald Edward	M L 1	Reginald Pepin	Gertrude Doyon	Gas Shell Oper	Bartlett, Vt.	Jackman, Me.
May 18 Mark William	M L 10	Oral Paquette	Isabelle Barden	Electrician	Boyne City, Mich.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Mar 1 Dora Mae	F L 1	Sidney Roby	Dora Reynolds	Lumber man	Norton Mills, Vt.	Gardner, Me.
Feb 24 Cinda Lee	F L 1	Graydon Williams	Rosie Patnaude	Laborer	Bloomfield, Vt.	Maidstone, Vt.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1943

Date and Place of Death	*Name and Surname of Deceased*	*Age in Years, Months and Days and Place of Birth*	*Male or Female Single, Married, Widowed and Occupation*	*Name of Father*	*Maiden Name of Mother*
May 14 W. Stew't'n	Theodore Bergeron	29 11 14 Rumford, Me.	M S Laborer	Alphonse Bergeron	Anna Martin
Nov 26 W. Stew't'n	Coleman Blodgett	80 10 11 No. Stratford	M W Retired	Andrew Blodgett	Irene Blodgett
Jan 9 Lancaster	Constance Connary	12 1 Stratford	F S	Howard Connary	Katherine Platt
July 3 S. Columbia	John Chapple	77 2 16 Canada	M M Farmer	John Chapple	Susan Paw
Aug 13 Lancaster	Mary Crouch	74 1 1 New Brunswick	F W Housewife	Edw. Harrington	Margaret MacLean
Mar 29 W. Stew't'n	Gertrude Hartshorn	73 4 8	F W Housewife	Sabin Fuller	Laura Clark
Oct 3 N. Stratford	Lillie Jonah	73 1 27 Brunswick, Vt.	F W Housework	William Schoff	Mary Green
Dec 22 Stratford	Emma Kimball	78 1 11 Stratford	F W At Home	George Bass	Anglina Platt
Mar 19 N. Stratford	Bryan Lacasse	35 hrs. No. Stratford	M	Real Lacasse	Clara Bryan
July 2 Stratford	Thomas Merriam	65 7 11 Stratford	M M RR Section	Chas. Merriam	Emma Gardner
Apr 24 Lancaster	Joseph Nelson	90 1 2 Canada	M W RR Foreman	William Nelson	
July 5 Stratford	Winfield Spencer	57			
Aug 14 Colebrook	Albro Stone	80 8 14 Stratford	M W Farmer	Mark Stone	
Oct 12 Stratford	Gertrude Stinson	54 10 9 Stratford	F M At Home	Calvin Hapgood	Elizabeth Barnett
June 16 N. Stratford	Cinda Williams	3 16 No. Stratford	F S	Graydon Williams	Rose Patnaude
Aug 17 Lancaster	Charles Wilkins	65 1 26 Stark	M W Laborer	Oliver Wilkins	Elviry Jenkins